

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 3, 2009 in which claims 1-45, 55 and 56 were allowed; in which claims 47, 48, 50 and 52-54 were objected to and in which claims 46, 49 and 51 were rejected. With this response, claims 47 and 52 are canceled. Claims 46, 48, 50, 51 and 53 are amended. In particular, independent claims 46 and 50 are amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to claims to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 1-46, 48-51 and 53-56 are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

I. Rejection of claims 46 and 49 under 35 USC 102(e) based upon Waller

Page 2 of the Office Action rejected claims 46 and 49 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Waller US Patent Publication 2004/0212656. Claim 46 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 47. Accordingly, claim 46 overcomes the rejection and is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claim 49 depends from claim 46 and overcomes rejection for at least the same reasons.

II. Rejection of claim 51 under 35 USC 102(e) based upon Griesemer

Page 3 of the Office Action rejected claim 51 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Griesemer US Patent Publication 2004/0252154. Claim 51 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 52. Accordingly, claim 51 overcomes the rejection and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

III. Conclusion

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-46, 48-51 and 53-56 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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